



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#19-0701

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Imposing Special Assessment Liens for Lot Clearing –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the imposition of special assessment liens for costs associated with cleaning and removal of debris from properties listed in Exhibit 1.

Background

As authorized by sections 18-14 and 18-15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale (Code), the City cleaned and removed debris from properties listed in Exhibit 1. The exhibit includes the actual costs and expenses associated with abating the nuisance(s), which will be recorded against the respective properties as a special assessment lien in the public records of Broward County.

Section 18-13 of the Code requires the property owner to clean and clear the property within 10 days of the date of a citation. When compliance is not achieved within the required timeframe, the City's contractor clears and cleans the property of the nuisance(s). The Community Enhancement and Compliance Division then mails a statement of costs and expenses to the property owner requesting payment within 30 days.

If the City does not receive payment on the outstanding balance within 30 days from the date of the mailing, Community Enhancement sends the case to be recorded in the public records of Broward County. Additionally, interest accrues on the outstanding balance at a rate of 4.75% annually, as required by sections 215.422(3)(b), 337.141(3) and 687.01, Florida Statutes. Community Enhancement may also refer the outstanding balance to the City's collection agency.

Resource Impact

Should the City receive payment on the outstanding balance, the City will recover \$10,580.60 spent to perform the service plus any interest.

<i>Funds available as of July 2, 2019:</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
147-DSD090101-J022	Nuisance Abatement	Lot Clearing Administration	\$110,000	\$59,461	\$10,580
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$10,580

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2019* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods.
- Initiative 4: Implement the finding from the Code Compliance Process Improvement.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Lot Clearing and Cleaning Report

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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